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Remarks

This filing is being made to place this application in condition for allowance. In the Office Action mailed January 7, 2003, the Examiner noted on page 6 of the Action allowable subject matter and recommended certain steps to take in order to make claims 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 allowable. Those steps have been pursued, and Applicant has also cancelled claims 4 - 9.

Claim 8 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and becomes the independent claim in the application. Claims 9, 11 and 13 are now dependent on claim 8 and claim 12 is now dependent on claim 11. The new claims have been closely compared with the versions of the claims showing changes, and it is believed that both sets of these claims are consistent.

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It is believed that the claims as now written are in allowable form, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Kindly notify the undersigned if there are questions concerning this amendment.



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Amendments in the Specification:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b), the following replacement paragraphs show all the changes made by the foregoing amendment relative to the previous version of the paragraphs.

Abstract:

A rotary shelf assembly mechanism [having] has shelves mounted on a vertical post arrangement formed by a first lower post and a second upper post. The mechanism is connected to a cabinet frame by [uppOer] upper and lower mounting brackets interacting [withy] with the top and bottom of the cabinet frame to support the posts and shelves carried thereby. The mechanism is mounted in the corner of the cabinet interior. To fit the mechanism within the cabinet, a height adjustment device is formed by positioning the second upper post in the upper end of the first lower post for slidable movement therebetween. When securement of the two joined posts and mounted shelves is desired, the slidably movable second upper post is extended upwardly until it engages the upper mounting bracket. An elongated recess in the second upper post aligns with an opening in the first lower post, and a threaded member extends into a casting positioned within the upper post. The threaded member [screw] is tightened to engage the casting and secure the two posts in a shelf-retaining and rotational mode. The height adjustment device enables quick and efficient

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installation of the mechanism within the cabinet interior. [A] The mechanism also includes a one piece shelf construction having a post-securing section and a shelf-retaining pin [are also included].

Page 6, Last Paragraph:

Fig. 3a is a perspective view of the joined posts shown in Fig. 2;

Fig. 3b is a top plan view of the joined posts shown in Figs. 2 and 3a;

Page 8, 2nd Paragraph:

Fig. 16 is a view similar to that shown in Fig. 15 [21] with the spring being disengaged to free the shelves for movement;

Page 8, 4th Paragraph:

Fig. 18 is an end elevational view of the rolled pin shown in [pin 23] Fig. 17.

Page 11, 4th Paragraph:

Post- securing shelf section 62 is made up of a circular hub 48 (Fig. 14 [13]) which houses within its formed interior 58 the [a] plurality of radially extending ribs 45 [64] emanating from a post encircling sleeve [66] 54. Two pin-receiving indents 56 [68] cooperatively open into sleeve 66 so that a pin inserted through [a] post 22 [58] (Fig. 14) will nest within indents 56 [68] and be within the interior hub 48 and post 22.

Page 11, Last Paragraph Starting on Page 11:

Thus, the one piece shelf 20 can be positioned over post 22 [58] as shown in Fig. 14 and sustained at a predetermined location by the insertion of a pin [60] through an aperture 63 [62] in post 22 [58] with the extending ends of the pin cooperatively received by indents 68 to secure the shelf at a precise location on post 22 [58].

Page 12, Last Paragraph:

Fig. 16 illustrates the positioning of clip 78 as it is urged against post 34 and into apertures 82, 84, and Fig. 15 [21] shows clip 78 in the final engaged and shelf-securing position. For ease in installation, a slightly offset end extension 88 is formed on tip 82 so that it can be initially engaged [of] or seated in aperture 86 when clip 78 is thereafter urged forwardly until tip 80 engages aperture 84.

Amendments in the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c), the following versions of the claims as rewritten by the foregoing amendment show all the changes made relative to the previous versions of the claims.

Please cancel claims 4 - 7.

8. (four times amended) A rotary shelf assembly mechanism comprising: [The mechanism as claimed in claim 5 wherein] a vertical post arrangement; first and second mounting brackets spaced apart from and

opposing each other supporting the post arrangement; at least one single piece shelf connected to the post arrangement, the post arrangement having pin-receiving apertures proximate the at least one connected shelf, each of the at least one shelf having a post-securing section including a hub and a pin-receiving indent within the hub; and a pin extending through the post arrangement pin-receiving apertures and cooperatively received and retained by the pin-receiving indent of the at least one shelf to secure the at least one shelf to the post arrangement wherein the [pin-receiving indent] post arrangement includes a post-encircling sleeve, the [and] at least one [pin-encircling] pin-receiving indent [portion] connecting with the post-encircling sleeve to cooperatively receive the pin within the at least one indent [portion] and the post-encircling sleeve [and], through the post arrangement pin-receiving apertures and through the post.

9. (four times amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim [7] 8 wherein the pin is an elongated element having first and second ends and the pin-receiving indent engages the pin ends when the pin operably secures the at least one shelf to the post arrangement.

Cancel claim 10.

11. (four times amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 8 [4] wherein the hub of the at least one [single piece] shelf has a post-receiving opening, [and] the post-receiving indent is a rectangularly shaped recess communicating with the post-receiving opening, the post arrangement has

[diametrically aligned] pin-receiving apertures at each of the least one shelf positions and the pin is cooperatively received by the shelf hub, the post-securing indent and the post [diametrically aligned] pin-receiving apertures to secure the at least one shelf to the post.

12. (four times amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 11 wherein the pin is an elongated element having first and second ends and the pin-receiving indent engages at least one of the pin ends when the pin operably secures the at least one shelf to the post arrangement.

13. (twice amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim [7] 8 wherein the pin-receiving indent includes a post- encircling sleeve and at least one pin-receiving indent [portion] connecting with the post-encircling sleeve to cooperatively receive the pin within the at least one pin-receiving indent, through [portion and] the post-encircling sleeve and through the post arrangement pin-receiving apertures and the post, the hub of the at least one [single piece] shelf has a post-receiving opening and the post-securing indent is a rectangularly shaped recess communicating with the post-receiving opening [,] and the post arrangement has pin-receiving [diametrically aligned] apertures [at the at least one shelf positions] and the pin is cooperatively received by the shelf hub, the post securing indent and the post pin-receiving [diametrically aligned] apertures to secure the at least one shelf to the post.